

Notice To All Electric Customers

Budget Public Hearing

Spanish Fork City will hold a public hearing **June 2, at 6:00 pm** at the Spanish Fork City Office, 40 South Main Street, Spanish Fork, Utah. The purpose of the public hearing is to review the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget.

The budget includes transfer of funds which cannot be defined as reasonable allocation of costs between funds. These transfers include funds from the Electric Fund to the following Funds: the Golf Fund in the amount of \$160,000; Golf Course Snack Bar Fund in the amount of \$25,000; the Swimming Pool Fund in the amount of \$135,000; Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$854,138; the General Fund in the amount of \$665,000, and the North Park Capital Project Fund in the amount of \$4,000,000.

Fiesta Days Brochure

Be watching for the 2009 Fiesta Days Booklet. This will be in your mailbox around the first of July. It will be your guide to the many great events this year. Events are also posted online at the City's website.

Municipal Election Filing Deadline

Do you want to run for Mayor or City Council? The filing period for this year's municipal election is from **July 1, 2009 to July 15, 2009** at 5:00 pm. Two Council seats and the Mayors seat are up for election. More details will be available on the City's website.

City Calendar

June 2—6:00 pm (live on Ch. 17)
City Council Meeting

June 3—7:00 pm (live on Ch. 17)
Planning Commission Meeting

June 16—6:00 pm (live on Ch. 17)
City Council Meeting

June 15-29—Youth Arts Festival

Complete City calendar at
www.spanishfork.org.
Add community events at same site.



Recycling To Begin

Curbside recycling is set to begin on **June 1**. If you have previously signed up for recycling, you have probably already received your blue can. If you haven't signed up for this curbside service, call the City at 801-804-4501.

Since the last announcement, two exciting changes have occurred: recycling pickup will occur on the same day as your garbage pickup and will be on the same side of the street as your garbage pickup.

Remember to put your recycling can at the curb on your normal garbage pickup day, the week of **June 1**, and then every other week thereafter. Residents should have their cans at the curb by 7:00 am on the morning of their pickup. If you are missed, your recycle can may not be picked up for another 2 weeks.

For a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable recycling items, please the recycling website at www.spanishfork.org/recycle.

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North Park Construction Begins



Construction on the New North Park began this past month. This 9-acre park will be a truly amazing park when it is completed next Spring and it will have several features that cannot be found in the City's current parks system. In fact, City officials believe this park will be a crown jewel of the City that all residents will enjoy.

The new North Park will feature a Great Lawn, an amazing children's play area, a UV-filtered Splash Pad, a plaza with tiered steps, a victory garden, and a multi-season pavilion. A detailed rendering of the park is available on the City's website, at the City office or near the construction site. The new North Park will be located near the intersections of I-15 and Highway 6, just east of Macey's.

DEAR MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL



From Left to Right, Back Row: Jens Nielsen, Steve Leifson, Wayne Andersen, Rod Dart.
Front Row: Mayor Joe Thomas, Richard Davis

Name:

Email:

Phone #:

Please complete the form and return it with your utility bill. You can also send comments to the City via the internet at www.spanishfork.org. Thank you for your comments.

Electrical Safety Inside the Home

Electrical Panels

The first thing everyone should know about their home's indoor electrical system is where their electrical panels, breakers, fuses, and other types of protective devices are. An electrical panel is an enclosure that houses fuses or breakers and provides a way of disconnecting or turning off the power to the branch



circuits in the home. They are the distribution center in your home where all your electrical wiring stems from. They provide circuit protection from the main service wires coming into your

house to the electric wiring that branches out to all your outlets, lights inside your home. Do you know where your electrical panels are in your house? Do you know how many panels you have? Is there one upstairs? What about downstairs? Take time to familiarize yourself with where and how many electrical panels you have in your home. This is important because you need to know where to shut off power inside your home in case of emergency or if you are doing any kind of electrical work in your house.

Always turn power off **before** doing any kind of electrical work. Test the circuit to make sure it is off and then retest it just to make sure. Then test again! You can never be too careful with electricity.

Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

Since this is electrical safety month let's take another look at those smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Most new homes today are protected with both smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. However, older homes may not be adequately protected by both of these devices. Make sure you have

both smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. We are reminded to change the batteries in



these devices twice a year, usually when the time changes. These devices usually operate by electrical power and have a battery backup.

This is especially true in newer homes. However, in some older homes you may only have the type that operates off battery power. Determine the type that you have in your home and make sure you have fresh batteries in them! It is also important to make sure they are in proper working order. Make sure they are clean and free from dust or dirt so they operate properly.

Appliance Cords & Extension Cords

One of the leading causes of fires can be attributed to worn, damaged, or overloaded extension cords.

Check your extension cords to make sure they aren't cracked, split, cut or otherwise damaged. Check the ends of the cords for wear or damage. Make sure the male end (the end with prongs) has three prongs. Never cut off the third grounding prong to make an extension cord plug into an older style of outlet. Remove or discard any damaged or altered extension cords.

Check your appliance or lamp cords as well. Appliances, floor lamps and table lamps are often moved. This means the cords are exposed to greater risk of damage. Cords often get pinched under furniture or in doors. The cord ends may wear out quicker due to the constant plugging and unplugging of the appliances. Clock radio cords often get pinched or damaged under beds or dressers. Inspect your cords for damage or wear and remove or replace as necessary.

Weed Abatement Notice to All Spanish Fork City Residents and Landowners

This is a reminder that Spanish Fork City Ordinance 8.20.010 requires all properties to be maintained clear of weeds throughout the year:

"...weeds constitute a nuisance when they create a fire hazard, a source of contamination or pollution of water, air or property, a danger to health, a breeding place of habitation for insects or rodents or other forms of life deleterious to human habitations, or are unsightly or deleterious to their surroundings"

- Weeds need to be maintained no taller than SIX INCHES above the ground throughout the season, which may be a problem well into October or November
- Maintenance may be accomplished by mowing, discing, or plowing—State air quality standards prohibit burning.
- Failure to comply with this ordinance could result in violation charges which are a class C misdemeanor

The city has already sent out hundreds of reminder letters to owners of specific properties that have had a weed problem in the past. Letters will be sent to additional property owners throughout the summer as weed problems become apparent or the city receives complaints from city residents. For personal liability reasons, residents are urged to keep their property clear. Any damage or injury to others on their property could hold the property owner liable.

Digital TV Conversion—SFCN is READY

On **June 12**, the postponed Digital TV conversion will finally take place. SFCN has been ready for this for a long time. The digital transition may affect those who use an antenna to watch their television channels. If you subscribe to SFCN, Comcast, DirectTV or Dish Network you **don't** need to do anything. Of course, if you have a TV that performs best with a digital or a high-definition (HD) picture, SFCN can provide that for you too. Just give us a call. The bottom line on the digital conversion is that if you use an antenna to watch TV, please call SFCN at 798-2877 and they can explain options to make sure your TV doesn't go dark.

Library News

"Get Creative @ the Library" is the theme for our summer reading programs. This year we are offering programs for beginning readers, chapter book readers, and young adult readers. We also have a family reading program so everyone can be involved! Sign-up begins **May 26** and continues through **June 30**. Beginning the week of **June 8**, Creative Kids, Creative Tweens, and Mother Goose time are some of the fun story time activities to involve the kids in. Movies will be shown one evening a week and kids ages 10 and older can have fun playing board games or jammin' out with Rock Band. Please check with the library for more information.

Message from Miss Spanish Fork

Hello Spanish Fork! My name is Ginger Christopher and I am thrilled for the opportunity to serve you and our community as this year's Miss Spanish Fork. I am looking forward to an exciting year filled with the fine arts as I expand my platform of "Excelling with the Fine Arts." Our city provides many opportunities for both adults and youth to be involved in the fine arts. One of our city's most popular fine arts event coming up in June is the Spanish Fork Youth Arts Festival. This festival is great for youth of all ages because it gives them the opportunity to explore an art form they may not have yet tried. It also provides progression in art forms they have already grown to love. I am very excited to be in attendance at the Youth Arts Festival this summer and the rest of our city's wonderful events.